

Hollis Conservation Commission
Minutes of the March 15, 2023 Meeting
Approved April 5, 2023

Regular Members Present: Paul Edmunds, Joe Connelly, Thomas Davies
Alternate Members Present: Bernadette McQuilkin
BOS Liaison: Paul Armstrong
Members of the Public: Jason Bolduc, Meridian Land Services; Liliana Arcidy,
Joe Garruba; Paul Valihura
Staff: Connie Cain

P. Edmunds called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. P. Edmunds appointed B. McQuilkin to vote in Mark Post's absence.

WETLAND BUFFER – Tabled from March 1, 2023

5 North Pepperell Rd, Liliana S. Arcidy Revocable Trust, MBLU 013-006,
Permission to Construct a Barn in the Wetland Buffer

J. Bolduc presented a new plan showing the barn location to be behind the house, and out of the wetland buffer. The plan also includes restoration for the disturbed wetlands buffer area near the northerly side of the house. A brief discussion commenced the restoration of the wetlands buffer.

P. Edmunds motioned to approve the revised plan for Liliana Arcidy Revocable Trust, 5 North Pepperell Road, MBLU 013-006, as presented; seconded by T. Davies. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

COMMITTEE AND BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board Update – B. McQuilkin

B. McQuilkin shared that the PB will be having a site walk on 447 Silver Lake Road on March 21, 2023. She also shared that there would be a site walk scheduled regarding the convenience store on Runnells Bridge Road, as there is concern that there is a wetlands encroachment. B. McQuilkin referred members and staff to the Planning Board website for more details. (STAFF NOTE: The Site Walk scheduled for March 21, 2023 was cancelled by the Planning Board. CC)

Board of Selectmen Update

There were no Selectboard updates.

Treasurer's Report – T. Davies

T. Davies shared that as of March 9, 2023, there was \$750,225.45, of which \$740,225.45 is available as cash, with \$10,000 in stewardship reserve. Members briefly discussed the various bills that were paid resulting, in the aforementioned available funds balance.

Law Property Workgroup – P. Edmunds

P. Edmunds state that Craig Birch has completed the baseline report on this property. The report shows that a large portion of the wetlands is overgrown with invasives. There was discussion on the possibility of having town funding to help remove invasives on the property.

The Workgroup has walked the property and does not have any recommendations at present. Discussion took place on the role of Jack Law regarding the working committee.

NEW OR CONTINUING BUSINESS

Town Meeting Presentation

P. Armstrong noted that he had spoken with Mark Post over the phone to discuss the presentation. It had been thought that the Selectboard would be using grant funds to pay for the Town purchase, but the Selectboard voted not in favor of using the funds in this manner. The \$275,000 payment to the HCC will come from the Undesignated Fund Balance if the Warrant Article passes at Town Meeting.

Upcoming Seminar Series

Further discussion was tabled to the April 5th meeting, as members were not present.

B. McQuilkin asked if anyone had suggestions regarding the seminar series or information in relation to the history of Silver Lake to reach out to her and share.

Silver Lake Management Plan Grant Update

B. McQuilkin noted that the Silver Lake Management Group met and discussed pursuing a grant. She explained the grant, process and details. As part of the grant application process, she would like to approach the Selectboard for a \$100,000 loan. She stated that for this grant, there is a requirement of having the \$100,000 available up front. If the grant is allowed, the Town would be almost guaranteed to be reimbursed and that they are most likely going to get the grant as there are few who have applied. T. Davies felt that if the grant is worthy, then to move ahead. Discussion took place on the application process, the financing, along with the results of what the grant would produce.

Response to Lorenzos Lane Wetlands Permit, NH Dept. Of Environmental Services (NHDES)

J. Garruba thanked the HCC for writing the letter to the NHDES. He shared that the NHDES had responded with a detailed response that included the various restrictions on the Lorenzos Lane expansion, including changes to the declaration of covenants; this would require the developer to go back to the Planning Board (PB). J. Garruba felt that the HCC should send a letter to the PB giving the HCC's concerns on the Lorenzos Lane expansion.

Discussion took place on writing the letter to the PB and Selectboard. B. McQuilkin volunteered to draft the letter and share it with the HCC prior to sending it.

B. McQuilkin motioned to approve the drafting of a letter to the Planning Board, giving the HCC's concerns on the Lorenzos Lane expansion as discussed; P. Edmunds seconded. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the motion carried 4-0-0.

J. Garruba left the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Roadside Cleanup

J. Connelly volunteered to plan/assist with the roadside cleanup. T. Davies shared that it would be good to get the Rotary Club, Scouts, and Gate City Striders involved. After some discussion, the tentative date was set as May 6, 2023.

MINUTES

P. Edmunds motioned to accept the public meeting minutes of March 1, 2023, as written; seconded by J. Connelly. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

P. Edmunds motioned to accept the non-public meeting minutes of March 1, 2023, as amended; seconded by J. Connelly. All in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0-0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

P. Edmunds motioned to go into non-public session; seconded by T. Davies. All members in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 4-0-0, and the HCC entered into Non-Public session at 6:03 pm.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

P. Edmunds motioned to conclude the Non-Public session and to keep the minutes sealed until voted by the HCC to release, seconded by J. Connelly. P. Edmunds polled the members, all members voted to conclude the Non-Public session and keep the minutes sealed by a vote of 4-0-0. The HCC concluded Non-Public Session at 6:20 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

J. Connelly motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by P. Edmunds. All in favor, none opposed or abstained. Motion carried 4-0-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amiee Le Doux
Recording Secretary